GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND FUNCTIONAL DIRECTORS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the Public Enterprises Selection Board`s recommended panel for appointment of Chairman and functional Directors for public sector oil companies have been rejected for reasons other than vigilance/corruption;

(b) the number of cases in which Search Committees have been constituted for selection of Chairman and Functional Directors for ONGC, IOC, HPCL and BPCL;

(c) whether crucial importance of energy security of the country was taken into consideration for selection of Chairman and Functional Directors of these oil PSUs before February, 2007; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) Information is being collected from the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and will be furnished.

(b): A Search-cum-Selection Committee has been constituted by the Government for selection of Chairman and Managing Director of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC).

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Government is sensitive to the crucial importance of the oil Public Sector Undertakings

(PSUs) for the energy security of the country.